



**LEESBURG BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW  
STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING: 19 NOVEMBER 2012  
AGENDA ITEM 6d**

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**BAR Case No. THLP-2012-0107: Replacement of existing 28" doors with a single 42" door & 14" sidelight.**

**Reviewer:** Kim K. Del Rance, LEED AP  
**Address:** 107 W. Market St.  
**Zoning:** B-1, H-1 Overlay District  
**Applicant/Owner:** Dwight Stonerook, Trustees of the Leesburg United Methodist Church

**Site Description:** From the 1975 survey: Handsome Greek temple form with engaged Ionic columns set on a high basement. Gable end doubles as the pediment originally stuccoed, removed by sandblasting in 1962. Sanctuary on second floor, supported by cast iron columns. Form very "retarditere" (a form carried on in the country when out of style in the city). Wing addition from the early 1950's. Brick repointed in 1952. This building served as a hospital during the civil war.

**Context:** From the 1998 survey: This church is an architectural gem in the historic district. It is the only example of the Greek Temple form in the historic district. The church is reported to have served as a hospital for Confederate Army soldiers during the Civil War. The congregation of this church was formerly a part of the Methodist Church on Cornwall St. NW. The congregation split into two factions over the issue of slavery, with the supporters of slavery departing and building this church. The remaining congregation continued on at the old stone church until ca. 1900. The remaining white members slowly trickled away, joining the new church on W. Market Street. When the stone church was demolished the remaining black members built Mt. Zion Church.

**Description of Proposal:** The applicant requests to alter the entry doors from a double leaf opening to a single wider door with sidelight with glazing. The replacement is necessary to meet new ADA guidelines and the elevator is directly inside this door.

**Site Development/Zoning Issues:** None.

**APPLICABLE GUIDELINES**

**OHD Design Guidelines:**

**CH. III ARCHITECTURAL AND DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW**

**C. ARCHITECTURAL STYLES/FORMS/TYPES 4. GREEK REVIVAL (1825-1860)**

*The facades are symmetrical with a central entrance that contains a transom and sidelights.*

The addition of a sidelight to fill the pace left from removing the second door is appropriate for this style of architecture. The replacement door panel pattern is similar to that of the existing doors. The example shown in the product literature shows a standard width door and the new door will be wider. Staff is basing this report on the door panels being widened and not having more panels than are currently shown.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION/DRAFT MOTION**

(Based on the BAR's discussion at the meeting, any changes to the language of either part of the motion should be incorporated as necessary.)

**Based on the findings that:**

- The necessity of providing access to everyone in this public building as well as meeting regulations for the Americans with Disabilities Act requires adjustments be made to the present door configuration.
- The proposed door and sidelights are appropriate to this style of architecture and do not damage the architectural character of the existing entry, portico and façade.

Staff recommends approval of TLHP-2012-0107 subject to the plans, photographs and materials submitted as part of this application dated October 22, 2012.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move that TLHP-2012-0107 be approved subject to the application submitted by Dwight Stonerook on October 22, 2012 and subject to the findings and conditions of approval as stated in the November 19, 2012 Staff Report (or as amended by the BAR on November 19, 2012).